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Defining the *new* challenges for the sectors

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Context: New Austerity post 2015, Change and Instability

1. New Austerity: CSR announcements plus what we know and what can anticipate over the next five years
2. Change: Not only about resources but about voice, ability to influence, confidence and capacity to respond
3. Instability: changes to organisations / commissioning / political and social change
Anticipating the next 5 years:

- Disruption and change – what do we gain as well as lose? Shared understandings?
- Difficulty in planning – willingness to be flexible – what do we pool / share
- Changes within existing partners – local authority as well as health and social care – commissioning and procurement
- Negotiating and brokering relationships
Unresolved but key:

- Combined Authorities and Devolution – VCFS needs to be engaged – new patterns across Lancashire
- New structures of health and social care
- New structures for VCFS?
- Leadership role(s) for VCFS – where (level?) / who? / how?
- Unresolved: accountability, scrutiny and voice